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The following are some thoughts on computer space planning that are intended only as talking points:

Future ODP systems and space planning is based upon projected requirements for existing and known, planned-for systems, along with associated growth projections. It does not provide space for major (multi-year, multi-millions of dollars) currently unplanned-for, new development systems. Although it is impossible to predict at this time what these systems will be, it is predictable that there will be some such projects in the coming years.

One approach is to establish an Agency policy that funding, including funding for space, for major currently unplanned-for new ADP development efforts would be done by the customer offices. Although most major systems being developed by ODP are currently funded by customer components, making component funding a requirement from the outset would reduce the "free lunch" attitude, relative to ODP resources, of some customers. It would also provide more senior level review based upon requirements at budget time. Although not a cure-all for space planning, the above approach would, in some cases, raise some relevant ADP and space issues to senior management sooner than the current system provides.

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